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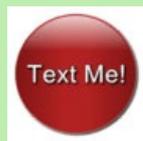
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Seth



All These Children Have Found Their Forever Families!

Thank You To All Who Helped With Their Journey!

Shantaria



Najwa



Azucena



Mark



AFFEC Wants to Give a BIG Thank You to Yvonne!

To support our mentor program, Yvonne, a high school senior, hosted a benefits show. All proceeds went to the mentor program.

Yvonne is a former foster child and spoke about her journey on February 25th at Comsic Pizza.

Thanks again Yvonne!

Alexander and Jason



Agencies: Partner with Us to Help Families

We work with many adoption and state agencies throughout the United States and are now offering an exciting opportunity to partner with A Family For Every Child to further benefit your families.

Over time we have developed valuable relationships with many of you; working together to assist families and therefore have found homes for children. All we are asking is your willingness to let your families know about our Matching Assistance Program and partner with us to better serve families in a time of large workloads for all. Let's work together and change the life of a child by



Help us with the Princess for a Day Event 2012!

On March 4, 2012, we will be hosting our 4th annual Princess for a Day event. This special day is an opportunity for Oregon girls to be treated like a princess for a day.

It is designed to be a gift for foster children in the community as well as to raise awareness of foster children in Oregon. Each princess will take home a gown, crown, and slippers. She'll have her hair and nails done, and be in her very own photo shoot. She and a guest will then attend a tea party fit for a queen.

We are accepting donations of new or gently used dresses, shoes, and accessories to fit girls ages 2-18. Bring donations to

building a family.

This program will offer your families support that complements what you are already doing. As a team we can work to match them sooner and perhaps support them through the process. We all know this is a big job and often requires a team.
[Read More](#)

Free Training: March 9-12 Adopting a Child from Foster Care

Join us at our free three-day Foundations class that is designed to help prepare prospective parents to foster or adopt from state care. This class fulfills training requirements for families pursuing foster care or adoption through DHS.

Register on our [website](#) or by calling 503-232-1211 for more information.

Foundations Training

Christian Family Adoptions is offering the Foundations Training classes in one long 4-day weekend! This class is a free series and is offered to help prospective parents become better prepared to adopt children with special needs.

The training fulfills an Oregon DHS requirement for adopting children in State care. The class is open to all families pursuing adoption of a child or children from foster care who reside in Oregon.

This class is offered March 9 - 11 in the Vancouver office of Christian Family Adoptions, and is open to prospective parents of all faiths and backgrounds. RSVP TO: becky@christianfamilyadoptions.org or call 503-232-1211.

880 Beltline Road, Springfield Oregon.

Also visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Want to help transform girl into princesses for a day? If you are interested in volunteering for the event please e-mail linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org

Register a princess, and give her a special day she deserves. The success of this event depends on you!

For additional information about A Family For Every Child or Princess for a Day visit us [online](#) or contact us at 541-343-2856.

Success Story: What a Difference a Family can Make!

Note from the Children's Caseworker:

When Kate and Joe were in foster care (at the highest possible rate of pay) Kate couldn't be taken out into public because of her extreme behaviors. Now with her new family, they are able to go outside all the time!

I recently saw a photo of them at the Zoo. I couldn't believe how happy and "normal" Kate and Joe look. It is truly amazing the work that you and your team do!

Letter from the new family for Kate and Joe:

What A Family For Every Child does that some other states/organizations don't is that you provide complete honesty about the children. Most states would have talked these kids up so people would have jumped at them. In our case, that would have really hurt because we wanted severely delayed.

These two are not medical kids, neither have trachs, g-tubes or oxygen. Neither of them are in a wheelchair. Kate is non-verbal and both are severely delayed. Behaviors for both are now under control. The two biggest problems for these children were neglect and abuse. Kate ducks when you grab for her (she apparently wasn't fed right as she had Pica and would not eat most other foods). So far, I have not found a food she will not eat!

While in foster care, Kate supposedly could not be controlled in public so they never took her out of the home. I have had no problem with this. She will walk next to my cart at the stores and she behaves.

They said she smears Feces. Not seeing that either nor does she shred clothes or bedding. She is still in diapers, but does use the potty often and during the day I now have her in underwear with very few accidents. They said she bites anyone that tries to change or grab her, I haven't had that problem either. They said she doesn't sleep; she sleeps solid through the night.

Joe is very hyper and they said he needed ADHD meds but he does not. He just needed some structure and supervision and redirection. We are up to over 100 spelling words that he now knows. His speech is still delayed but he is doing better. I home school them both as we also need to work on life skills and proper socializations. Joe is starting to play appropriately with toys for older kids.

Kate no longer carries her sock and now will play with real toys for short periods of time. Kate no longer sticks things up her nose. Kate actually goes up the stairs and plays with my older special needs daughter for 30 minutes to an hour by herself and they do fine.

Kate is now following simple directions. I got a therapy ball and "hoppity-hop" for Kate and she loves it. She will sit and bounce

for hours at a time if allowed. We also purchased a trampoline for Christmas and Joe loves jumping on it and it seems to help with his energy levels.

For Christmas, we got Joe a new bike and stuffed bear. He seems to truly love it! He has not been violent or aggressive to the other kids either. Joe is very caring; he helps others when he can and he makes sure the animals always have food and water (without being asked). He wants to please.

The first week was definitely tough. I had even wondered if I had gotten in over my head. But once we arrived home, the kids have been great. We all bonded instantly. Kate and Joe were just in need of boundaries, love, attention, and interaction. Both of these kids are such a joy!

It Takes a Village and We Need You!

We want and need your help to spread the word! Here are ways you can help us recruit for kids:

- Email us any supports, training's, activities, blogs, anything that could help. Contact: Christy@afamilyforeverychild.org
 - Become a [volunteer](#)
 - Donate, attend, or become a sponsor at our [event](#)
 - Host a Heart Gallery. Contact: Heather@afamilyforeverychild.org
 - Become a mentor. Heather@afamilyforeverychild.org
- Questions? Ideas? Christy@afamilyforeverychild.org

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